

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 18, 2005

**LOCATION:** Wayne Township Fire Headquarters,  
Indianapolis

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)  
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)  
Michael Seaver (Emergency Nurses)  
Rodney Coats (General Public)  
Myron Mackey (EMTs)  
Timothy R. Sandy (Volunteer Fire)  
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)  
Bill Hufford (Paramedics)  
Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)  
Doyle Yeager, MD (Emergency Physicians)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carol Sublett (Volunteer EMS)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Garvey, Deputy Director  
Brad Gavin, Agency Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats. Chairman Coats expressed thanks to Chief Gammon for the use of the facility.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Olinger. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as written.

**STAFF REPORTS:**EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT

First Responders certified this date:	7,256
Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	179
Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	15,491
Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	193
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	8
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	1,312
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	28
Paramedics to be certified this date:	25
Paramedics currently certified:	2,572
Paramedics recertified this date:	64
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:	2
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:	73
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:	0
Temporary Certifications issued:	
EMT-B:	2
Advanced EMT:	0
Paramedic:	0
Drivers Certifications currently certified:	1283

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Michael Seaver. The motion passed.**

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	6
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	19
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	15
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider	101
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	29
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization,	
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	6
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	23
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	7
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	51
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization	
Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	2

Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	29
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	318
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	86
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	11
<b>Total Providers</b>	<b>760</b>

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed.**

#### EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	198
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	183
EMS Provider Visits:	116
EMS Provider Audits:	12
Hospital Visits:	13
Hospital Audits:	00
EMT Tests Proctored	07

Sherrie Crain, EMS Operations Director, presented the spring schedule for EMS Provider Forums to be held around the State during April and May. She also announced that a Medical Director Seminar will be conducted on April 26. Rebecca Blagrove is the project manager for this program.

#### EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the database now contains 949,000 runs.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Education Advisory Committee

Steve Garrison reported that the Education Advisory Committee is recommending standards for accepting driver training programs other than the Indiana Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. The recommendation includes removing the requirement that instructor candidates be either a Primary Instructor, Fire Instructor II or III through the Indiana Fire Marshal, or an approved Law Enforcement Instructor.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Tim Sandy. The motion passed.**

Gary Miller asked Mr. Pagano if any progress had been made on the issue of the Advanced Care Paramedic. Mr. Pagano replied that it was too early to say.

### EMS for Children Advisory Committee

Pamela Taylor announced that she will be leaving her job with EMS for Children.

**Mr. Seaver asked that the commission acknowledge the service performed by Ms. Taylor and wish her well.**

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

### Pending Administrative Cases

Agency Counsel, Brad Gavin presented a list of pending administrative cases. No action by the commission was required.

### Agency Issued Orders of Suspension

The agency has issued the following Orders of Suspension each for a period of 90 days:

- Order No. 04-2005, Shelli Bailey
- Order No. 05-2005, Stephen Schlosser
- Order No. 07-2005, Mark Blakley
- Order No. 09-2005, Gale Evans

### Agency Issued Administrative Orders

The Agency has issued the following Administrative Orders:

- Order No. 9-2003, Bruce A. Decamp, Revocation
- Order No. 1-2005, Donald W. Holloman, Revocation
- Order No. 10-2005, Deanna Oliver, Reprimand
- Order No. 11-2005, Jason R. Taylor, Revocation

### Agency Issued Order of Denial of Certification

The Agency has issued the following order of Denial of Certification;  
Order No. 3-2005, Nadine Pearish

### Probationary Certifications Issued

The Agency has issued the following Probationary Certificates:

Order No. 2-2005, Mark Wallace, EMT#37681

Order No. 6-2005, Suzanne Cockeral, EMT#58660

Order No. 8-2005, Robert j. Bauknecht, EMT#54933

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Letter from Michael Muenich concerning discussion regarding Cause No. 98-52, Robert Nowaczyk

The commission took no action.

### Indiana Department of Health Advisory Taskforce on Trauma and Emergency Preparedness

Deputy Director Garvey reported that the Indiana Department of Health has been named the lead agency for trauma system development. He is working to keep EMS involved in the project.

Mr. Miller asked if the State Department of Health can place requirements on the EMS Commission. Mr. Garvey stated that to do so would require legislation. Mr. Garvey also reported that the agency is studying air ambulance issues as they relate to trauma care.

### 2005 LEGISLATION

Mr. Gavin reported that Senate Bill 56 creating the Department of Homeland Security has passed. Eric Deitz has been named the director. The bill also moved the implementation date for Emergency Medical Dispatch Centers to January, 2007. He stated that the creation of the Department of Homeland Security will have no impact on the commission. The EMS function and staff have been placed under the Division of Fire and Building Safety.

Mr. Mackey asked about the impact on EMS education. Mr. Gavin responded that education functions will fall under the Division of Training. Since Tony Pagano does certifications, he will probably stay with EMS.

Mr. Miller asked about the impact on non-fire EMS organizations. He expressed concern that EMS might fall into a "step-child" role. What will happen when the Fire Marshal changes?

Mr. Garvey replied that EMS will not suffer from the reorganization, EMS will have more stability, and all voices will be heard. Mr. Garvey stated that he feels very confident that this is a good move for EMS and the reorganization will have no impact on provider organizations.

Chairman Coats said that EMS should be stronger for the change. Mr. Garvey stated that an EMS Advisory Group was formed as a result of the Fire Summit and all types of services will be included.

Mr. Gavin reported that legislation has been offered to place a check-off box on the Motor Vehicle Form allowing for a \$1 donation to Volunteer Fire Departments and for the purchase of defibrillators. House Bill 1580 protects volunteer fire fighters who respond to fires while at their place of employment from being fired.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Medical Director Seminar

Deputy Director Garvey reported that a Medical Director Seminar will be held at the Government Center on April 26. All interested parties are invited to attend.

## **EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVER REQUESTS**

### Training Rule Waiver Request

*Emergency Services Education Center (ESEC), Wayne Township, Indianapolis- 836 IAC 4-2-1(b), eligibility to be certified as an EMS Training Institution:*

The request is to allow ESEC to become certified as a training institution.

**Tim Davie offered a motion to approve the waiver. Mr. Miller requested that the motion be amended to approve the waiver as long as the ESEC maintains its relationship with Wayne Township remaining an EMS provider. Mr. Davie accepted the amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed. Dr. Olinger abstained.**

### Provider Waiver Requests

*Methodists Hospitals, Inc., Lake County, request additions to Commission approved EMT-Intermediate Curriculum, 836 IAC 2-7.2-3 and 836 IAC 7.1*

The request is to add synchronized cardioversion, utilize Sodium Bicarbonate in cardiac arrest situations when the patient is a dialysis patient, and utilization of 25% Dextrose in lieu of diluting 50% Dextrose in pediatric hypoglycemia emergencies.

Staff recommends the request be denied.

The commission considered each part of the request separately.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to allow EMT-Intermediate to perform cardioversion excluding the medications in the proposed protocol that are not included in the curriculum. The Education Committee is directed to include the skill in the curriculum. The motion was seconded by Doyle Yeager. The motion passed. Mr. Miller and Bill Hufford abstained.**

Dr. Olinger suggested that maybe the commission needs to look at adding medications to the approved list. Mr. Hufford expressed concern that the EMT-I program was new and perhaps it was too early to make changes.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to include 25% Dextrose to the approved medication list for EMT-Intermediates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed. Mr. Miller abstained.**

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to allow the use of Sodium Bicarbonate in this specific case of cardiac arrest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed. Mr. Davie, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Hufford abstained.**

Deputy Director stated that staff was concerned about making changes to the EMT-I curriculum and wondered what will be asked for next.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Deputy Director Garvey announced that the Fire Grant Program from the National Fire Academy is now available to non-fire EMS organizations. He stated that a study group will be formed soon on the topic of tactical EMS. He stated that the National Scope of Practice recommendations have been revamped and will be similar to what Indiana now has. Indiana will do what is best for Indiana regardless of national practice.

#### **2005 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

Friday, May 20

Friday, July 15

Thursday, September 15 (in conjunction with annual conference)

Friday, November 18

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED by the INDIANA EMS COMMISSION: July 15, 2005**